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1. ON MONDAY, APRIL 12, PEKING'S TIEN AN MEN SQUARE, THE SCENE OF SO MUCH TUMULT AND VIOLENCE THE PREVIOUS MONDAY, IS NEARLY RESTORED TO ITS USUAL APPEARANCE. EXTERIOR REPAIRS ON THE DAMAGED BUILDING IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER HAD BEEN COMPLETED BY SATURDAY; AND SOMETIME BETWEEN SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY MORNING THE FEW REMAINING GUARDS (ALL PLA BY SATURDAY) AROUND THE SQUARE PROPER WERE WITHDRAWN. THERE WERE A FEW MORE PROCESSIONS TO TIEN AN MEN OVER THE WEEKEND, APPARENTLY BY GROUPS THAT HAD NOT MADE IT THERE EARLIER.

2. A NUMBER OF PEKING-BASED FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART TOMORROW, APRIL 13, ON A WEEK-LONG PRESS TRIP TO YUNNAN ARRANGED SOME TIME AGO. THEY ARE UNDERSTANDABLY NERVOUS THAT THERE WILL BE SOME MAJOR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT WHILE THEY ARE AWAY, BUT THEY ARE HOPEFUL THAT IF THERE IS THE CHINESE WILL FACILITATE

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THEIR PROMPT RETURN TO PEKING. (ON THEIR LAST SUCH

TRIP, TO THE NORTHEAST, WHICH BEGAN ON THE DAY CHOU EN-LAI
DIED, THE MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT HELPED THEM TO FLY
BACK TO PEKING FROM SHENYANG THE FOLLOWING DAY.)
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